

c. 1885

BA 1629
Midlinks (Levering House)
115 Garrison Forest Rd.
Garrison,
Maryland
private

The Levering House is a simple though large house of the American Queen Anne style. It is situated on the edge of the golf course belonging to the Green Spring Valley Hunt Club.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

MIDLINKS

AND/OR COMMON

Levering House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

115 Garrison Forest Road

Second

CITY, TOWN

Garrison

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Baltimore

STATE

Maryland

— VICINITY OF

COUNTY

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

—DISTRICT

☒ BUILDING(S)

—STRUCTURE

—SITE

—OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

—PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

—BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

—IN PROCESS

—BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED

—UNOCCUPIED

—WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

—YES: RESTRICTED

—YES: UNRESTRICTED

☒ NO

PRESENT USE

—AGRICULTURE

—COMMERCIAL

—EDUCATIONAL

—ENTERTAINMENT

—GOVERNMENT

—INDUSTRIAL

—MILITARY

—MUSEUM

—PARK

☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE

—RELIGIOUS

—SCIENTIFIC

—TRANSPORTATION

—OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Cornelia Rowland Levering

Telephone #: 363-0761

STREET & NUMBER

115 Garrison Forest Road

CITY, TOWN

Garrison

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21055

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Baltimore County Courts Bldg.

Liber #: 5638

Folio #: 585

STREET & NUMBER

401 Bosley Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Towson, Maryland

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

—FEDERAL —STATE —COUNTY —LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MOVED
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		DATE <u>1898</u>

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The LEVERING HOUSE is a two storey frame house dating from ca. 1900-1910. Its principal facade, the south, is four bays in length. A one-storey shed-roofed porch extends across the south front and a steep gable in the roof rises to the principal ridge. A north wing extends to the rear the full width of the house. Later additions extend the north wing to the north (one storey) and east (two storeys) and a later two-storey bow-window is centered in the east gable of the main house.

The principal entrance is on the west side of the north wing, in the southerly bay; it is sheltered by a porch having a glazed sun-porch above. Windows generally are 2/2 with louvred blinds. Exterior walls below the gables are covered with German siding and the gables are shingled.

A pair of parlors is in the main section of the house and an entrance hall with an open staircase is adjacent within the north wing. Two rooms north of the stair hall formerly small, are enlarged by the additions. The staircase rises, with intermediate landings, to the finished third storey. The upper floor plans are similar to the one below and detailing is simpler.

The moulded handrail of the staircase is supported by a square paneled newel and square "turned" balusters rising above a closed string. A partition of raised paneling encloses a closet beneath. The wide doorway between the parlors formerly had sliding doors. Parlor wainscoting consists of narrow vertical boards with an alternating pattern: one with a bead along each edge; the other with two flutes separated by a bead. Each parlor has a fireplace on its north side; the wood mantels have reeded pilasters bypassing the frieze to support the cornice shelf. Typical doors throughout the house have raised panels, two vertical ones above three horizontal ones in the first storey, pairs of vertical ones above and below a horizontal one in the upper storeys. The routed architraves have matching corner blocks in their upper corners.

The enlarged north rooms have modern detailing, the north-westerly being paneled to recall the eighteenth century, the north-easterly being a modern kitchen.

Structural members of the house, visible in the cellar, are circular sawn, fastened with cut nails. The floor framing indicates a former fireplace diagonally across the northeast corner of the northwesterly room.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD

☐ PREHISTORIC
☐ 1400-1499
☐ 1500-1599
☐ 1600-1699
☐ 1700-1799
☒ 1800-1899
☐ 1900-

☐ ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC
☐ ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC
☐ AGRICULTURE
☒ ARCHITECTURE
☐ ART
☐ COMMERCE
☐ COMMUNICATIONS

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

☐ COMMUNITY PLANNING
☐ CONSERVATION
☐ ECONOMICS
☐ EDUCATION
☐ ENGINEERING
☐ EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT
☐ INDUSTRY
☐ INVENTION

☐ LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE
☐ LAW
☐ LITERATURE
☐ MILITARY
☐ MUSIC
☐ PHILOSOPHY
☐ POLITICS/GOVERNMENT

☐ RELIGION
☐ SCIENCE
☐ SCULPTURE
☐ SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
☐ THEATER
☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ OTHER (SPECIFY)

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Dating from ca. 1900 the LEVERING HOUSE is a simple house of the American Queen Anne style with details recalling the picturesque revivals of the late nineteenth century and the American colonial revival as well.

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"Midlinks" was built between 1880-1885 by George Howard Elder and his wife, Ellen North Moale Elder, and was located where Edgar Allen Poe, IV now lives; about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile north on Garrison Forest Road. The Elder's daughter, Sarah Elizabeth Elder and her husband, Jervis Spencer, lived in the house and raised five children. This piece of property was then sold.

Mrs. Spencer's sister, Ellen North Elder, owned a large piece of property where the Green Spring Valley Golf Course is now located. She gave her sister (Sarah Elizabeth Elder Spencer) five acres and made Redmond C. Stewart Trustee of the place (Liber N.B.M. 232, folio 493). The house was then moved down the road and re-located where it is now situated about 1898. The Spencer family lived here until they moved to "Green Spring" and the place was sold to Charles Ranson Rowland on January 3, 1917 for the sum of \$9,500 (Liber W.P.C. 474, folio 181). Mr. Rowland, his wife Selby and two children, Cornelia and Samuel Carson Rowland, II, lived here. Mr. Rowland died in 1936 leaving Midlinks to his wife and two children. Subsequently Mrs. Rowland remarried F. Sheppard Royster, Jr., and moved to Virginia. Between 1938 and 1947 Midlinks was rented.

Following World War II Cornelia Rowland Levering and her husband, Edwin Walker Levering III moved back to the house. Mrs. Royster divided her $\frac{1}{3}$ share of the place between her two children (Sam and Cornelia). Mrs. Levering bought out her brother's interest on February 10, 1949 for \$12,500. (Liber 1716, folio 540.)

In 1955 the Leverings remodded parts of the house adding a wing on the east side consisting of a dining room with bedroom and bath above. The den on the northwest side was enlarged.

When the Leverings' marriage was terminated, Cornelia Rowland Levering became the sole owner of Midlinks on May 27, 1978 (Liber 5638, folio 585).

At the present moment Mrs. Levering is still residing in the house in which she was born in 1921.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

James T. Wollon, Jr., A.I.A./Cornelia R. Levering, Research Historian

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Valleys Planning Council

DATE

April, 1980

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CITY OR TOWN

Towson

STATE

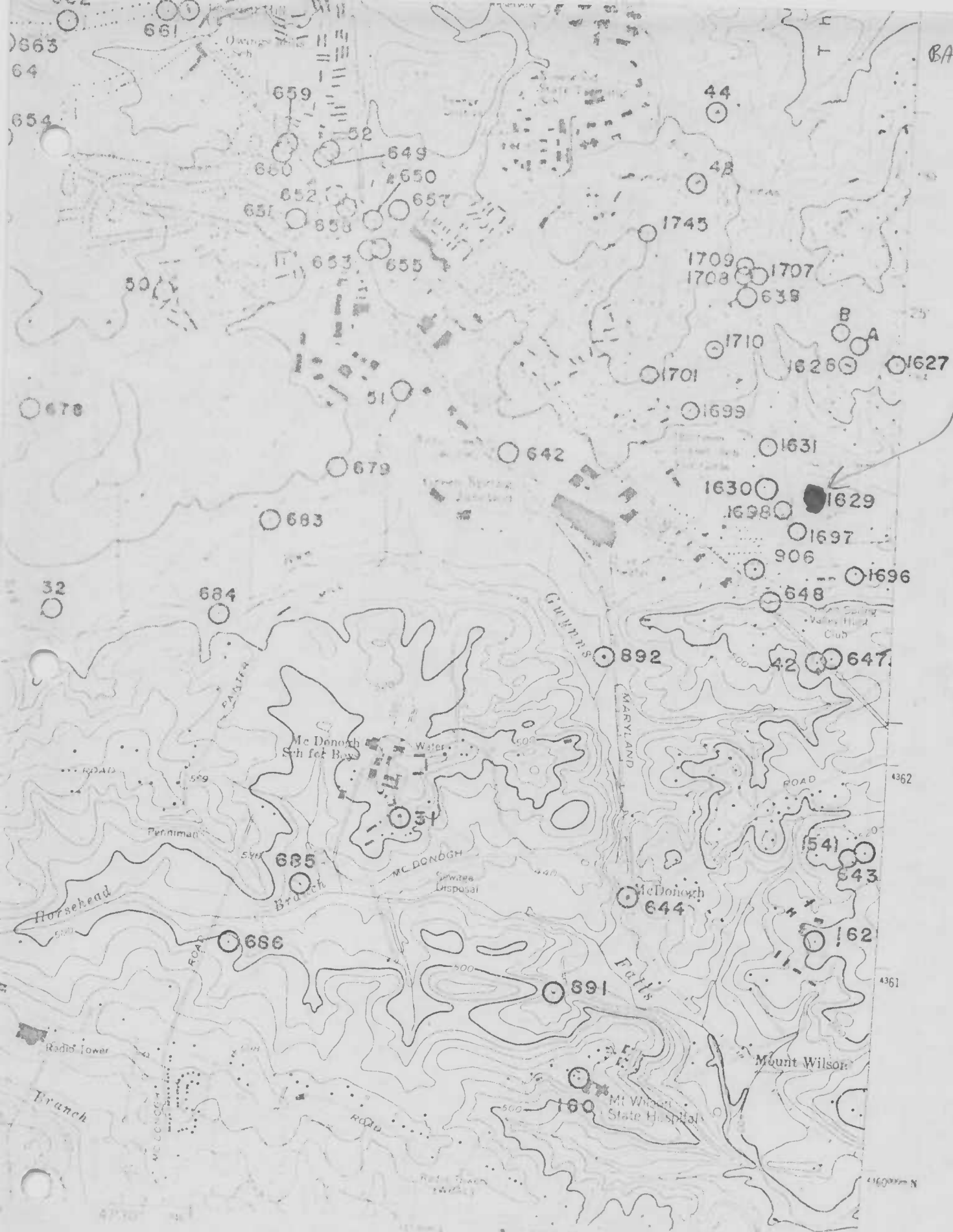
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